

EASTWALL BESSBOROUGH F.C.



Proposal to North Inner City Central Area Committee

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Presentation by
Eastwall Bessborough F.C.



Dublin City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

The Proposal

To Secure Management Lease Agreement from DCC and to develop the Alfie Byrne Road pitches.



Our Club



- Our Club was founded 15 years ago when Eastwall Wharf and Bessborough United came together in what turned out to be one of the strongest and trusted amalgamations in junior football.
- The union brought together two close knit, inner city communities.
- What started out as two senior men's teams, has now flourished into the creation of a kids academy and a schoolboy section including NIC Football For All, which caters for children in our community with learning difficulties.
- We have a club member base of approximately 85 people, ranging from ages 3-82!



-EWBees Football Academy-

- We launched our EWBees Academy for boys and girls in March 2022.
- Ages range between 3-7.
- The Academy is run on a weekly cadence, each Saturday morning at 10am - 11am.
- We have an attendance every week of at least 25 children from Eastwall, North Strand and surrounding areas.



**BEE KIND
BEE PLAYFUL
BEE HAPPY**



NIC Football For All



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- We have formed a partnership with a local parents support group for neurodivergent children.
- Providing a safe space to play and offering sporting equipment and coaching.
- In our first Football For All session we had 8 children and that number has grown to 21 on average each week.



EWB Schoolboy/girl Section

- We currently have two schoolboy teams (under 9s & under 10s) operating in the DDSL.
- From March '23 we will have two under 7 development squads made up of a mix of boys and girls from the EWBees academy.



EWB Mens Senior Team



- Currently operating at a high level in the Leinster Senior League.
- Players ages spanning from 18-36
- From the 2023/24 season, we will be introducing an under 19s team to provide continuum for our senior men's team into the future.

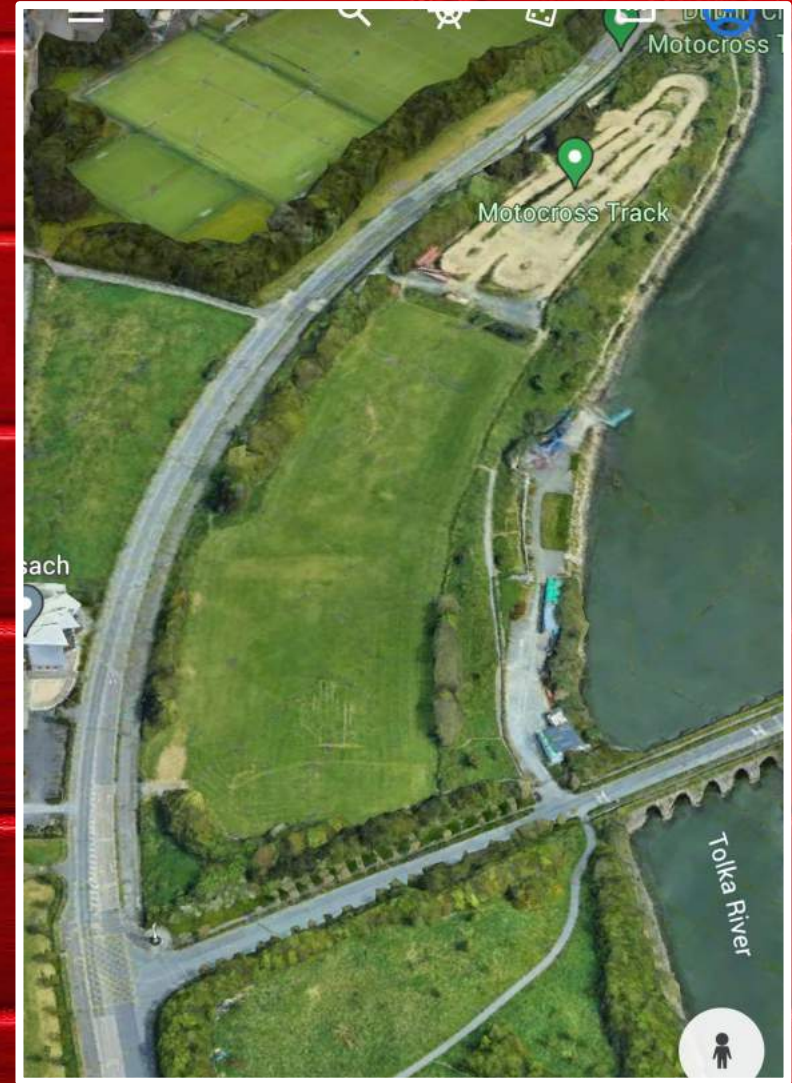
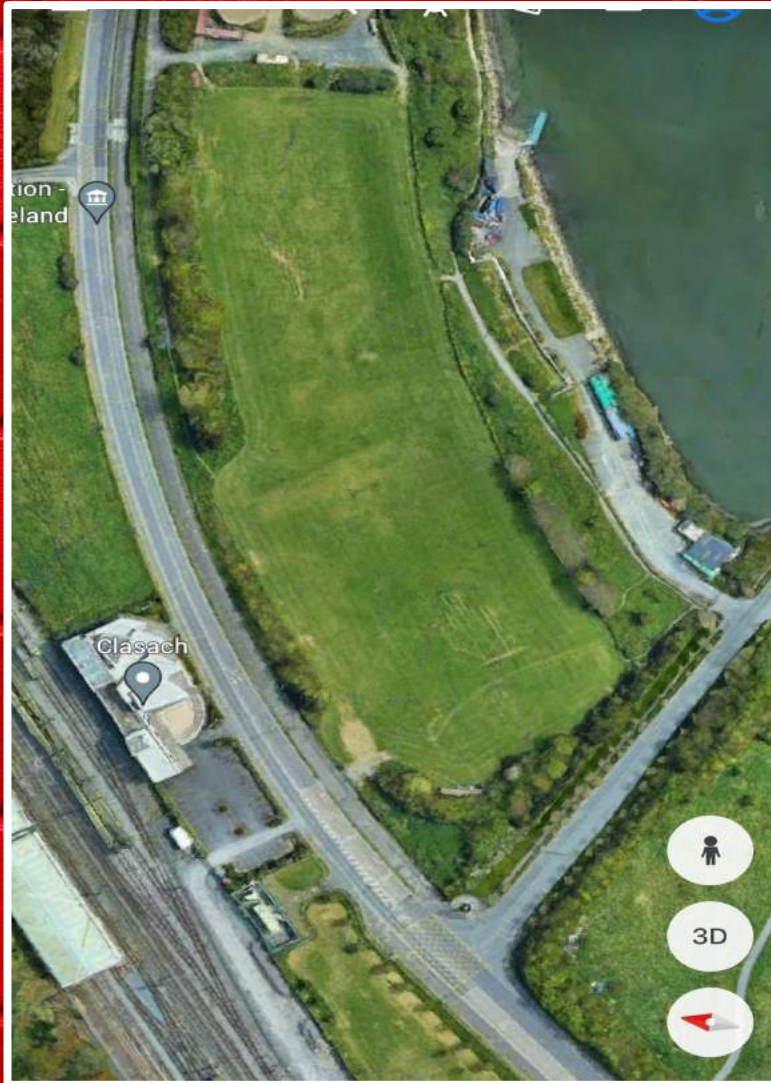
Aims & Objectives

- The EWB Committee have recently agreed an amalgamation with our neighbours Belvedere F.C, which will see their under 18s team attach to Eastwall Bessborough F.C, thus becoming our first ever under 19s Team.
- This development will assist local youths in our area seeking to play local football, whilst also enabling our under age groups to mature and grow, being the perfect bridge between our schoolboy and senior section.

Aims & Objectives

- **Over 35's Men's Team:** This will allow older players to avail of an opportunity to continue their playing careers when they get a little older.
- **Senior Women's Team:** With huge interest in the women's game and the success of our national team, there is an ever increasing demand in this area. We want to offer this opportunity to the young women of our area, to get involved in a positive environment.
- All of this enables us as a club to continue the pathway of inclusivity and holistic approach to our club and to our sporting community.

Aerial Shots of Alfie Byrne Park



Challenges

- Playing surfaces not fit for schoolboy/girl football.
- Accessibility is very difficult for parents and children.
- No changing rooms/storage facilities.
- Due to a lack of changing facilities we have had to turn away an under 15 all girls team.





-The Need-



- To further support the revitalisation of our North Inner City.
- To provide healthy lifestyle options for our young people and utilize the last remaining recreational spaces in our area.
- Improve community morale that has been demoralized from the high rise construction consistent now for over a decade.
- To give the children of our community the opportunity and entry into sports.
- Census 2016* ~151 children between 0-3yrs in the Eastwall area.
- Children from 6-10yrs is almost ~140 in the area.

The Plan



- Develop a Sports Facility in the Alfie Byrne Road Grass Pitches Area.
- Establish changing facilities for our current squads and also in the hope of future all girls squad of all ages.
- Construction of proper access points to pitches.
- Maintenance and care of both pitches, void of dog waste.



Our Request to You

- **Secure Management Lease Agreement from DCC for the Alfie Byrne Park Area for a Sports Facility to include:**
 - **Two enclosed football pitches managed and maintained by EWBFC .**
 - **Changing facilities for boys and girls.**
 - **Provide adequate access and exit points ensuring all physicalities are considered.**
 - **The fields have been badly neglected over the years**
 - **Source of anti social behaviour.**
 - **Dog fouling is appalling on playing surfaces**

**Discussion, Questions,
Comments?**



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Go Raibh Maith Agat!

